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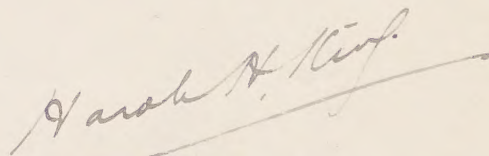
Khartoum 24th. July, 1917.

The Curator,
of the Coin Department,
Metropolitan Museum,
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that Mr. H.S. Job of Khartoum is endeavoring to obtain information regarding the coins issued in the Sudan by the Mahdi and the Khalifa between the years 1883 and 1899 (A.H. 1301-1317), and we should be very grateful if you could kindly see your way to assist him by giving him any information you can,

Yours faithfully,



Curator,
Sudan Government Museum.

Khartoum. August 8th, 1917

The Curator of the Coin Department,
Metropolitan Museum,
New York, U.S.A.,

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose a letter of introduction from the
Curator of the Sudan Government Museum.

I am endeavoring to obtain all the information I
can regarding the coins issued in the Sudan by the Mahdi and
the Khalifa between the years 1883 and 1899 (A.H.1301-1317).

I should be extremely grateful if you could kindly
furnish me with particulars of any Sudan coins you may have in
your collections; and if you could give me particulars of any
literature published on this subject it would be of much assist-
ance to me.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Hubert S. P. H.

September 26th, 1917.

Mr. Herbert S. Job,
Khartoum, Egypt.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of August 8th to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been turned over to us to answer. We note with especial interest what you have to say concerning the coinages of the Mahdi and Khalifa. The writer has been for a number of years especially interested in this subject, and has gotten together somewhat over a hundred varieties and minor varieties of this coinage. These are now in the collection of the Society. The series was built up largely from the two best collections known, namely the late Samuel Smith, Jr's. collection sold some years ago in London, and the Andre Salles' collection of Paris. This latter gentleman was an officer in the French Fashoda Expedition, and was the only coin collector to my knowledge in the Soudan at the time. We have been working at this series for some years preparing to publish it. Under the circumstances therefore, and if agreeable to you can not we get together and publish this series jointly? We issue the American Journal of Numismatics published as an annual volume, which is supplied to all of our members, and is sold to non-members at five dollars a year. We supply authors of monographs in this Journal with fifty reprints in the way of compensation. My proposal would be something like this. You being on the spot, and without doubt able to pick up many varieties and undoubtedly have many not known elsewhere, and also in the way of getting what little first hand information there is to be obtained, prepare the article, we sending you rubbings of all the pieces we have and also what information we have, you then prepare your manuscript and send to us. We would also like to illustrate every actual variety. Those that we can not supply, you to supply us either good photographs or good plaster casts, or perhaps better still the actual coins, these, of course, to be returned to you later. As far as the bibliography is concerned it is very small. I am herewith giving you a list of what we know about that has been written on the coins. Certain general books of the Soudan have given us some information on

this, such as F. R. Wingate, Ohrwalder and a number of others. I am not acquainted with the Bulletin der l'Institut Egyptien after 1894. Possibly there are things to be found in these Journals.

The notes that we have here include the pieces in the Howorth Collection, the Codrington Collection, the British Museum, the Berlin Museum and possibly the Khedivial Library. Concerning this latter, I have never felt satisfied that they have given us all the information they might have for unfortunately I did not write them until after Dr. Moritz had left. Dr. Moritz, by the way, has certain of the Mahdi's gold coins, though there is a possibility that they may be in the Khedivial Library. We lack here the gold coinage, and would like to get this if possible. As near as we can make out the Mahdi made two issues, one a crude imitation of the Egyptian point dated 1255, and possibly another one with this formula:-

We are sending you, under separate cover, an historical sketch of the Society and our last Proceedings.

Trusting that we can get together in some satisfactory manner concerning the Soudan coinage, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

Khartoum, Sudan.

Drop 2 Address.

13 Expenders Gardens,

Eastbourne

England.

30/9/20.

Dear Sir,

I have sent to you
under separate cover a note
on the "Coinage of the Mahdi
& the Khalifa" which I have
written, together with a copy
of "Sudan Notes & Records"
in which it appeared.

The article contains the
information I have been able
to obtain up to the present,
and should you be able to
suggest any alterations or
additions, I should be
extremely grateful.

Unfortunately, the Plates,
which had to be made in
Paris, have not turned out
as well as I had hoped.

I take this opportunity
of cordially thanking you
for the assistance you kindly
gave me regarding these
coins, some two years ago.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Hubert S. Fox.

The Secretary,

American Numismatic Society,

New York.

November 1st, 1920.

Mr. Herbert S. Job,
13 Upperton Gardens,
Eastbourne, England.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of September 3rd came some time ago, and I am very glad to hear from you. In fact I have wondered several times what had become of you, and how you were getting along with your coinage of the Mahdi and the Khalifa.

As yet these monographs of yours of the Soudan notes and records have not come to hand, and I am much afraid that they may have got lost in the mails. As I am anxious to have a copy, could you spare me another set ?

I beg to remain,

Most sincerely yours,

Curator.

Khartoum, 23rd. December 1920

The Curator,

The American Numismatic Society

Broadway, between 155th & 156th Street,

New York

Dear Sirs,

I have received your letter of November 1st and regret to hear that the copies of my note on the coinage of the Mahdi and the Khalifa have not reached you. I now send two more copies.

I hope the article will be of interest to you. I fear it is in no sense complete, there is still information to be gathered regarding these coins and I should be very grateful for your criticism and any suggestions or additions you may have to propose.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

W.S. Felt

March 28th, 1921

Herbert S. Job, Esq.
Khartoum, India

Dear Sir:

The two copies of your monograph on 'The Coins of the Mahdi and the Khalifa' came to hand while I was away on a month's vacation, consequently I delayed in writing to you.

Can you tell me if the date is lacking on No. 5 10-milastre piece of the Mahdi?

I have a number of pieces that you do not list, and I am enclosing a list of these.

I want to congratulate you on your painstaking efforts in producing this monograph. Like you, I am sorry that the illustrations did not come out better.

Very truly yours,

Director

H.S./s
Enc.

Memorandum - Mr. W. J. Hobbs

March 25th, 1921

MAHDI No.2

KHALIFA Nos.1 and 1(a)

1, 2(1), 2(11)

3 - also same dated 1311 with year 11.

4

5 (a), (b), (c).

6

7, 7(a)

8

9

10

11 - but with two flowers

12

13 - also very important. I have this type
dated 1313 with year 13.

14 - and another 1315, obverse spears and year 12.
Also a new type 1315 with year 1.

15 - and a 10-piastre 1310 type VIII with year 8.

17 (a) - and also with year 4 and 1.

18

19

20

21

22

24, 24(a) - also one with 8 stars on obverse
and reverse, year 1.

25

26

28

30

To The National Bank
of Egypt.

Alexandria

Oct 2,

Dear Sir,

With reference to
your letter of Nov: 1st,
in reply to mine of
Sept: 20th last, I
send herewith 2 reprints
of my article on the

conis of the Mahdi
& the Khalifa.

I should be very
grateful for your
criticism & any
information on conis
not mentioned in the
article.

I hope shortly to

with a supplementary
note on certain varieties
of which my attention
has been drawn.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

H. B. P.

90 The National Bank
of Egypt

Alexandria.

7/5/21.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very
much for your letter
of the 25th ^{month} inst., which
has only just reached
me owing to it having
been addressed to me
at Calcutta, India.

Please note
change of
address

I am very grateful to
you for sending me a list
of your coins. Since my
article was issued I have
obtained several new ones
including the dollars of 1313
with year 13 + of 1315 with
year 12. I also find I am
wrong in describing any
coin as "silver washed", those
so described are all of base
silver or of copper with very

little silver, the silver appearance
being due to chemical treatment
after minting.

I am shortly sending
you a supplementary list
of coins not included in
my article & shall ask if
you will be good enough to
check it before I publish it.

If it is not giving you
too much trouble I should
be very grateful if you could
send me rubbings of the

following coins now for
list:-

no 3. date 1311 + year 11.

11. with two flowers.

14. date 1315 + year 1.

(6) 10 piastre 1310 Type VIII

17. with years 4 + 1. {Makdi
circulation
Dr. P. H. H.
X 1/2

24. with 9 stars.

30. with 10 stars.

The 10 piastre 1310 piece is
I think, a new discovery.

Regarding the Makdi 10 pt. piece,
Arthur Pasha's article says it has
no date, I know of no specimens.

Again thanking you for your
help. Love very truly, H. S. P. P.

30 piastre at least 4 stars
10 piastre at least 4 stars
10 piastre at least 4 stars
10 piastre at least 4 stars

Chas. National Bank
7 E 4th.
Alexandria.

22nd May/21
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Dear Sir,

With further reference
to my letter of the 7th
inst., I now beg
to send you the draft
for a supplementary
list of coins of the
Mughal & the British

I have added 5 more
previously described
in Endeavour Notes &
Records.

I should be very
grateful if you would
kindly compare the
list with the coins
in your possession &
particularly with those

I await your news about
in your letter of the 25th
Thank & inform me
if you find any alterations
necessary.

Perhaps you would
be good enough to return
the list with your corrections
& additions.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

H. B. H.

June 4th, 1921

H. S. Job, Esq.

O/o the National Bank of Egypt
Alexandria, Egypt.

Dear Mr. Job:

Your letters of April 10th and May 7th
respectively at hand, and I am glad that I
was able to help you out. I would be very
pleased to see the supplement and will check
it up and do anything I can to help you.

I am enclosing, herewith, printer cards
of the places for which you ask. I have not
No. 17 which I mentioned with the years 4 and 1,
but it is mentioned by Butzel in his "Feld aus-
stand im Sudan, No. 7.

I have recently acquired a 1-piastre simi-
lar to your No. 30, date 1311-11 with stars
around edge, similar to the 2-piastre piece of
which I sent you a cast. It is too much worn
to make a good impression.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E
Enc.

June 18th, 1911

H. S. Job, Esq.,
c/o The National Bank of Egypt
Alexandria, Egypt

Dear Mr. Job:

Your favour of May 22nd is hand, and I have
made a few notes on the sheets you sent. As I
have virtually answered all of the questions in
my previous letter, I have added very little new
material to this.

Trusting I have been able to help you, I am

Very truly yours,

Chapman

22/1
-1911.

18/8/21.

51 Hampton Road,
Liddington.

Kindly.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge
with many thanks your
letters & enclosures of
June 14th & 16th, which
have been forwarded to
me in England where I
am at present or have.

I am very grateful
to you for the plaster casts
you have so kindly made
for me, & also for
your notes on the supplementary
sheets of descriptions, the
information you have given
me will prove very useful.
I hope to be able to
get my supplementary

note printed by the end
of the year & will send
for some copies.

Yours very truly,
Herbert S. Jor.

The Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York.

July 14, 1933.

Mr. H. S. Job
%The National Bank of Egypt
Cairo, Egypt.

Dear Sir:

You may remember that prior to your publication of the Coinage of the Mardi we had some correspondence. Today Mr. G. W. Grabham of Khartoum was in here and informed me that since the publication of this monograph a supplement has been issued. We would very much like to get this supplement. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Qo National Bank of Egypt

3 SHARIA EL AMIR HUSSEIN
GEZIRA, CAIRO.

19. 11. 33.

Dear Sir,

I must apologise for the
delay in attending to your letter of
the 14th July last, which, owing to
my absence or leave has remained
unanswered.

I have no spare copy left
of the supplementing note I wrote
regarding the Nubian coins, but

I have sent you letter to the
Secretary of "Endow Notes & Records"
Shawson & have asked him to
send you a copy.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. P.

The Curator,

American Numismatic Socy.,

New York.